

What is claimed is:

1. A system, comprising:

a financial management system providing
control and accounting for financial transactions;
and

a credit card system associated with the
financial management system and providing control
and accounting for credit card transactions within
the financial management system.

2. A system as recited in claim 1, wherein
said credit card system checks the transactions
against financial system limits.

3. A system as recited in claim 2, wherein
the financial system limits include one of single
purchase limits, billing cycle limits, budget
limits, account code limits, product type limits.

4. A system as recited in claim 2, wherein
said credit card system subjects a purchase to the
limits at a time of the purchase.

5. A system as recited in claim 1, wherein
said credit card system automatically reconciles the
transactions.

6. A system as recited in claim 5, wherein
reconciliation searches for an obligation created in
the financial management system at a time of a
purchase.

7. A system as recited in claim 5, wherein
reconciliation searches for an obligation created in
the financial management system prior to a purchase.

8. A system as recited in claim 5, wherein
reconciliation updates budget, planning, project and
ledger entries of the financial management system.

9. A system as recited in claim 1, wherein said credit card system authorizes immediate payment of pre-obligated transactions

10. A system as recited in claim 1,
5 wherein said credit card system authorizes immediate payment of purchases approved by the credit card system at the time of purchase.

11. A system as recited in claim 1,
10 wherein said credit card system validates credit card information on credit card statements.

12. A system, comprising:

a financial management system providing control and accounting for financial transactions; and

15 a credit card system associated with the financial management system and providing control and accounting, at a time of purchase, for credit card transactions within the financial management system comprising checking the transactions against
20 financial system limits including single purchase limits, billing cycle limits, budget limits, account code limits, product type limits, validating credit card information on credit card statements, automatically reconciling the transactions by
25 searching for an obligation created in the financial management system at a time of a purchase, updating budget, planning, project and ledger entries of the financial management system, authorizing immediate payment of purchases approved by the credit card
30 system at the time of purchase and setting up disputes for unapproved purchases.

13. A method of processing credit card transactions, comprising:

35 receiving a credit card transaction from a card issuer; and

reconciling the transaction within a financial management system.

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14. A method, comprising:
receiving a credit card transaction from a
card issuer for a vendor; and
providing control and accounting for the
5 credit card transaction within a financial
management system.

15. A method of processing credit card
transactions, comprising:
receiving a credit card transaction from a
10 vendor and subjecting the transaction to card issuer
limits; and
subjecting the transaction to financial
system limits.

16. A method as recited in claim 14,
15 wherein said financial system limits comprise one of
single purchase limits, billing cycle limits, group
limits, budget limits, planning limits, funds
availability limits, account code limits, product
type limits.

20 17. A method as recited in claim 14,
wherein said subjecting converts the transaction
into an obligation when the limits are satisfied.

18. A method as recited in claim 17,
wherein the transaction is captured by the financial
25 management system before the transaction occurs.

19. A credit card system, comprising:
a credit card issuer; and
a financial management system
communicating with said issuer, accepting credit
30 card transactions and providing for approval of the
transactions.

20. A system as recited in claim 19,
wherein said management system provides pre-purchase
approval of the transactions.

35 21. A system as recited in claim 19,
wherein said management system authorizes immediate
payments prior to approval, creates a discount
transaction for the issuer in proportion to the

payment and updates a discount income account in the financial management system.

22. A system as recited in claim 19,
wherein said management system allows initiation and
5 tracking of disputes with respect to the credit card transactions.

23. A credit card system, comprising:
a credit card issuer; and
a financial management system
10 communicating with said issuer, accepting credit card transactions and providing automated handling of disputes over credit card purchases.

24. A system, comprising:
a packet-switched communication system;
15 a financial management system coupled to said communications system and storing credit card information related to financial system account codes; and
a user terminal coupled to said
20 communication system and allowing a user access to the credit card information.

25. A system as recited in claim 24,
wherein the system account codes relate to user credit card budgets.

26. A computer readable storage medium
25 including a process receiving a credit card transaction from a card issuer and reconciling the transaction within a financial management system.